

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/CA 03/00516

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61M5/30

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-10, 33
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Claims Nos.: 12-32

Apparatus claims 11, 12, 13 and 14 have been drafted as independent claims and have at least partly overlapping scope. Drafting such a plurality of independent claims with overlapping scope makes it impossible to clearly delimit the subject-matter which is meant to represent the invention for which protection is sought, so that the claims as a whole fail to comply with the clarity and conciseness requirements of Article 6 PCT to such an extent, that a complete meaningful search could not be carried out. Consequently, the search report is established only for the first independent apparatus claim and its dependent claims, which, taken alone, define a clearly delimited subject-matter.

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